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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING METAL COMPOUNDS FROM
WASTE MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above captioned application before examination as follows.

In the title:

Delete "MATERIAL" and substitute - -WATER- -.

In the claims:

Please Cancel claims 2-6.

Please add the following new claims 7-31

Sub. B 7. A method for removing metal compounds comprising copper metal compounds from waste water comprising the steps of:

(a) adjusting the pH of the waste water to from about 5 to about 12;

(b) aerating the waste water;

(c) agitating the waste water, where steps (a), (b) and (c) are carried out

simultaneously in a reaction tank and waste water is aerated in said reaction tank to provide a dissolved oxygen concentration at from about 0.01 lb./hr. to about 70 lbs./hr. at a waste